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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 3, 2006

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office action mailed February 3, 2006, the response to which is extended to July 3, 2006 by the attached two-month request for extension of time to file, please enter the following amendment and consider the remarks in connection with the above-identified pending patent application.

Claims start on page 4.

Remarks start on page 9.